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GEMSTONE-302: a Phase 3 Study of Platinum-Based Chemotherapy (chemo) with Placebo or CS1001, an Anti-PD-L1 Antibody, for First-Line (1L) Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

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### **Background**

CS1001, a full-length, fully human PD-L1 targeted IgG4 (s228p) mAb, was well tolerated and had demonstrated promising anti-tumor activities across a range of cancers including NSCLC in phase Ia/Ib study. GEMSTONE-302 is a randomized, double-blind, phase 3 study to compare the efficacy and safety of chemo with or without CS1001 as 1L treatment for advanced NSCLC.

#### **Methods**

Eligible pts with untreated advanced NSCLC were stratified by histology (sq vs nsq), PD-L1 expression (≥1% vs <1%), and ECOG PS (0 vs 1) and randomized 2:1 to receive CS1001 (1200 mg, Q3W, IV)/placebo + chemo up to 4 cycles, followed by CS1001 or placebo maintenance up to 2 yrs. In nsq pts, pemetrexed was also given as maintenance therapy. The primary endpoint is investigator-assessed PFS (RECISIT v1.1).

#### **Results**

A total of 479 pts (320 in CS1001+chemo, 159 in placebo+chemo) were enrolled in the study. Baseline characteristics were balanced between 2 arms. As of 8 Jun 2020, at the pre-planned PFS interim analysis (median follow-up 8.67 vs 8.34 mo), the mPFS was significantly prolonged in the CS1001+chemo arm (stratified HR 0.50 [0.39-0.64], p<0.0001; mPFS, 7.8 vs 4.9 mo). ORR was 61.4% and 39.2% in CS1001+chemo and placebo+chemo arms, respectively. OS data was immature, but a clinical benefit trend was observed, (stratified HR 0.66 [0.44-0.97], mOS, NR vs 14.75 mo). Subgroup analyses demonstrated clinical benefits across histology and PD-L1 expression levels. Grade ≥3 TEAEs were reported in 61.9% and 61.6% of pts in CS1001+chemo and placebo+chemo arms, respectively. The 2 arms had similar safety profile, with the exception of mostly grade 1 and 2 immune-related AEs in the CS1001+chemo arm. No new unexpected safety signals were found.

#### **Conclusions**

This is the first phase 3 trial conducted in China on an anti-PD-L1 mAb plus chemo that enrolls advanced, treatment-naive sq and nsq NSCLC pts. CS1001 combined with chemo shows statistically significant and clinically meaningful benefit in PFS with a well-tolerated safety profile against chemo across histology and PD-L1 expression levels. It will potentially become a new SOC for 1L treatment of advanced NSCLC once receiving

## **Clinical trial identification**

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